

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case Originated At CHICAGO

File No. 100-4692

Report Made At KANSAS CITY	Date When Made 6-30-43	Period For Which Made 5-28-43; 6-24-43	Report Made By [REDACTED] b7c
Title: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA C. KIRKMAN BEY, was, et al			Character of Case INTERNAL SECURITY - S SEDITION SELECTIVE SERVICE
<p>Synopsis of Facts: Moorish Science Temple of America not registered with Secretary of State, Topeka, Kansas. No indication of any present subversive activities by any groups of this organization in the Kansas City Field Division.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau file #62-25889 Bureau letter to Chicago dated April 2, 1943. Bureau letter to Kansas City dated April 21, 1943</p> <p>DETAILS: In compliance with the instructions contained in the letter from the Bureau to the Chicago Field Office, a letter was directed from the Kansas City Office to FRANK J. RYAN, Secretary of State, Topeka, Kansas, to determine if the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. or the Moorish Temple of Science of America, Inc., had been registered in the State of Kansas. In reply to this inquiry, Secretary of State RYAN advised by letter dated May 18, 1943, that neither of these organizations had been registered in the State of Kansas, either as a foreign corporation or as a domestic organization.</p> <p>Reference letter from the Bureau to the Kansas City Field Division dated April 21, 1943, indicated that information had been received from a highly confidential source to the effect that the negroes employed at the Quarter-</p>			
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master Depot, Kansas City, Missouri, had an overbearing attitude toward the white people; that these negroes were reported to be untrustworthy and to be planning some sort of a racial uprising soon.

b2 [REDACTED] that in October, 1942, the labor conditions and tempo of the work at the U. S. Quartermaster Depot were good and that there was a minimum of troublesome employees or labor problems; that shortly thereafter it became apparent that some labor problems were impending at that depot; that during the fall of 1942 the American Federation of Labor had initiated a movement to organize a local union at this depot. This organization work for the AF of L Warehouse and Teamsters Union was carried on largely by R. E. JAMES, an organizer for Local No. 2, AFL, 200 State Bank Building, Kansas City, Kansas. During this same period the rival CIO Warehouse and Teamsters Union also attempted to organize the workers in this depot. During this period of organizational work, by both of these unions at that depot, there were some indications of agitation among the American negroes, with statements being made by some of the workers as follows: "What are you going to be ----? A white man's negro? Don't work yourself to death for the white man."

The organizing and racial friction at this depot reached its height in December, 1942, and January, 1943. During the latter month about 300 of the colored workers at this depot were discharged and among this group were included all of the leaders who presumably were causing racial friction at this depot. Since that date the labor situation at this depot has constantly improved and there are no apparent labor difficulties at the present time. In addition, there are no obvious racial problems at this plant at the present time.

Reference letter indicates that the agitators at this depot were described as wearing beards, long hair and termed "The Red Felt Outfit."

b2 [REDACTED] that the only individuals fitting this description at this depot were some negroes who formerly drove a truck and picked up trash and waste paper at this depot. He advised that they drove a truck for the S and K Wastepaper Company; that these individuals were not employed by the War Department and merely picked up this trash and waste-paper under a private contract. Confidential Informant T-1 further advised that no individuals by the name of BEY or EL are presently employed at this depot or have ever been employed at this depot.

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[REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] that she recalled that [REDACTED] SR. owned and formerly operated a truck for the [REDACTED] that he was usually accompanied in the operation of this truck by [REDACTED] EL. She related that both of these latter two individuals are members of Father MOHAMMED BEY'S organization of the Moorish Science Temple of America.

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It is to be noted that [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] was convicted in the U. S. District Court, Kansas City, Kansas, on January 19, 1943, and was sentenced to serve four years and a fine of \$1,000 for failure to register under the Selective Service Act. [REDACTED] EL had been arrested in connection with a violation of the Selective Service Act but had been released on the order of the Attorney General of the United States on October 24, 1942, due to the fact he was too old.

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[REDACTED] BEY further stated that since the imprisonment of [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] several of the other members of her sect had been operating this truck. She could not supply the names of these individuals but believed that the operators of this truck probably were [REDACTED] EL, previously referred to, and [REDACTED] EL. This latter individual is also a member of Father MOHAMMED BEY'S organization. [REDACTED] BEY advised that there has been no activity whatsoever on the part of her organization due to the death of the Profet MOHAMMED BEY and the imprisonment of the six leading male members of this sect.

It is to be noted that previous investigation in this case fails to reveal any subversive activity on the part of Father MOHAMMED BEY'S organization.

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[REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] that the membership of Temple No. 46 and Branch Temple No. 46 has been dwindling during the last several months; that none of the members appear to be taking any interest whatsoever in the organization and it is questionable if the organization will continue to exist for any great length of time in the future. She advised that all of the negroes ap-

pear to be much more interested in earning money than in attending to their religious duties. She advised further that all of the members of Temple No. 46 as well as Branch Temple No. 46 were complying with the provisions of the Selective Service Act. She related that from March 21 to March 23, 1943, Colonel C. KIRKMAN BEY of Chicago, Illinois, had been visiting in Kansas City, Kansas; that he had visited Temple No. 46 and Branch Temple No. 46 at this time; that Colonel C. KIRKMAN BEY had expressed dissatisfaction with these Temples due to the dwindling membership and lack of activity. She advised that this was purely a routine inspection trip by Colonel C. KIRKMAN BEY; that he had resided with her at her address during his visit in Kansas City, Kansas; that upon leaving Kansas City, Kansas, he had proceeded to Atchison, Kansas, where he was to inspect the local temple there.

b7c [REDACTED] BEY further advised she was positive that neither Temple No. 46 nor Branch Temple No. 46 had been registered in the State of Kansas.

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KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Atchison, Kansas, will conduct an appropriate investigation to determine the present status of the activities of the members of Temple No. 47 of the Moorish Science Temple of America located in that city. If deemed advisable, will take steps to secure proper confidential informant coverage of the meetings of this Temple to disclose possible violations of Sedition laws or the Selective Service and Training Act of 1940 as suggested in reference letter from the Bureau to the Chicago Field Office dated April 2, 1943.

At Kansas City, Kansas, will follow the activities of the members of Temple No. 46 and Branch Temple No. 47 and if deemed advisable will attempt to secure proper informant coverage of the meetings of these temples to disclose possible violations of the Sedition laws or the Selective Service and Training Act of 1940, as has been suggested in reference letter from the Bureau to the Chicago Field Office dated April 2, 1943.

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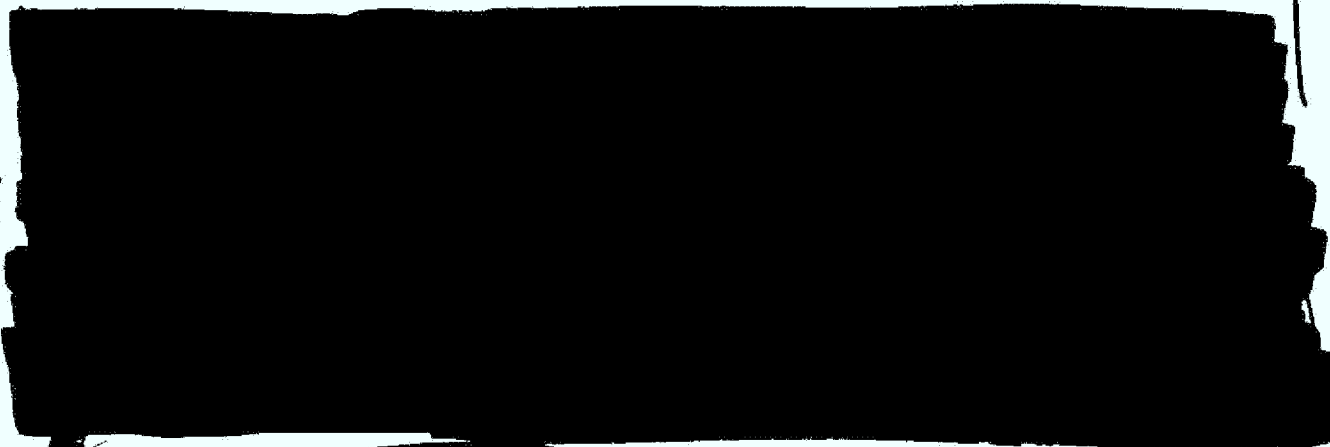
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ENCLOSURE TO THE BUREAU: 1 copy of photostats for the May and June issues of _____
the Moorish Voice.

ENCLOSURE TO CHICAGO: 1 positive and negative photostatic copies of the
May and June issues of the Moorish Voice.

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INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

AT COLUMBIA, INDIANA

* Will ascertain the occupation and whereabouts of the
home in Columbia, Indiana.

LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

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* Will ascertain the exact location of the tobacco
plant where [REDACTED] BEY and [REDACTED] BEY are reported to be working,
and will examine and report information from their personnel files.

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* Will continue to report the activities of the Moorish
Science Temple of America through [REDACTED]

Copies of this report are being forwarded to the various Field Divisions
inasmuch as there are active Temples in these Field Divisions.

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Origin CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

File No. 100-5698

Report Made At RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	Date 7-10-43	Period 6-24-43	Report Made By [REDACTED] b7c
Title MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC. et al			Character of Case INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION SELECTIVE SERVICE

Synopsis of Facts:

Records of Rationing Board for Prince George County, Virginia, reflect only twenty-four applications from BEYS and ELS. Check of Selective Service records reveals no evidence local members of Moorish Science Temple of America attempting to evade service. [REDACTED] local leader [REDACTED] whom [REDACTED] allegedly worked with Japanese agent TAKAHASHI in forming organization in Detroit which later became identified with the Moorish Science Temple of America. Six hundred to seven hundred members from other temples expected for 4th of July celebration which may last ten to twelve days.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file #62-25889
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 5-20-43 at Richmond, Virginia.

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DETAILS:

AT PRINCE GEORGE, VIRGINIA

[REDACTED] Local Rationing Board #75-1 for Prince George County, furnished her records reflecting that on May 7, 194 [REDACTED] EY had

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signed applications for War Ration Books for himself and twenty-three other BEYS and ELS, all residing at R.F.D. 2, Box 33B, Prince George, Virginia. She stated there were no later applications from anyone named BEY or EL. The following is a list of the names and descriptions of those for whom the applications were made, it being noted that all were described as having brown eyes and black hair:

[REDACTED] BEY 5' 6", 145 lbs., age 52
[REDACTED] BEY (wife of above) 5' 6", 155 lbs., age 36
[REDACTED] BEY (son) 5' 0", 79 lbs., age 13
[REDACTED] BEY (daughter) 4' 6", 61 lbs., age 10
CHARLES MURRAY BEY 5' 8", 165 lbs., age 68
[REDACTED] BEY 5' 9", 160 lbs., age 60
[REDACTED] BEY 4' 11", 160 lbs., age 55
[REDACTED] BEY 5' 11", 175 lbs., age 52
[REDACTED] BEY 5' 4", 160 lbs., age 47
[REDACTED] BEY 5' 4", 150 lbs., age 43
[REDACTED] BEY 5' 10", 165 lbs., age 57
[REDACTED] BEY 4' 8", 142 lbs., age 34
[REDACTED] BEY 5' 3", 210 lbs., age 41
[REDACTED] BEY 5' 6", 162 lbs., age 33
[REDACTED] BEY 5' 6", 125 lbs., age 26
[REDACTED] BEY 4' 7", 142 lbs., age 25
[REDACTED] EL 4' 4", 160 lbs., age 52
[REDACTED] EL 5' 2", 116 lbs., age 37
[REDACTED] EL 5' 9", 137 lbs., age 34
[REDACTED] EL 5' 9", 165 lbs., age 57
[REDACTED] BEY 3' 4", 45 lbs., age 4
[REDACTED] BEY 3' 11", 56 lbs., age 7
[REDACTED] BEY 23 lbs., age 8 months
[REDACTED] EL 3' 4", 50 lbs., age 3

A check with [REDACTED] Local Draft Board for Prince George County, reflected that all the above-named men of draft age were registered with the exception of [REDACTED] BEY and [REDACTED] BEY. [REDACTED] that a number of the BEYS and ELS were registered with boards located in other states and her board would have no record of them except when requested to have the registrant take his physical examination. She said it was possible that was the reason she had no record of these two, and that she had had no trouble whatever with any members of the MSTTA being delinquent or refusing to report for physical examination or induction.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] BEY was registered for Selective Service as [REDACTED] BEY, and that [REDACTED] BEY

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She related further that one member of the ASIA Company, [REDACTED] MEY, had been taken into the Army, and another, [REDACTED]

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Pertinent information relating to the MSTA was set out in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 2-27-43, at St. Paul, Minnesota, on the Peace Movement of Ethiopia, reflecting the results of an interview with [redacted] who is serving a three year sentence at the Federal Correctional Institution at Sanustone, Minnesota, for mail fraud. According to [redacted] a Japanese named TAKAHASHI who stated that he had been sent to this country by the Blood Dragon Society to organize the colored people in the United States, had organized the Peace Movement of Ethiopia and the Pacific Movement of the Eastern World, which were in reality one and the same organization, and had also started an organization in Detroit which later became the MSTA. [redacted] both he and [redacted] of the Peace Movement of Ethiopia, had been paid money by TAKAHASHI to make pro-Japanese statements in their lectures before negro groups. The following quotation from the above-mentioned report is pertinent:

"TAKAHASHI had helped with the organization in Chicago and had then gone to Detroit, Michigan, to aid in the organization there. In Detroit he met and married a colored woman, who is now Madam TAKAHASHI. Madam TAKAHASHI then became a big worker in the organization in Detroit and she did lots of promotional work in favor of the Japanese Government. The Detroit unit was financed by TAKAHASHI, who in turn received his money from a Japanese by the name of KATAHARE. Another Japanese by the name of TAKOSHITA was also connected with the organization and helped to finance it. The TAKAHASHI who organized in Detroit, Michigan, is a Japanese about 65 years of age.

A negro by the name of [redacted] known as [redacted] was directly under TAKAHASHI in the movement in Detroit, Michigan. After TAKAHASHI left Detroit, [redacted] took the organization over, and formed the Moorish Science Temple in Detroit. This organization is the same as the Peace Movement of Ethiopia. This was in 1934 or 1935. At the time of the organization of the Moorish Science Temple, the old P. M. of E. W. was more or less broken up and went out of existence, except for a small group which is still reported to be holding meetings in homes in Detroit. Madam TAKAHASHI remained in the Peace Movement of the Eastern World.

TAKAHASHI made the statement to [redacted] that he had been sent here by the Blood Dragon Society to organize the colored people in the United States. [redacted] that there

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was another Japanese, who was a doctor at the Grace Harper Hospital in Detroit, who also had been active in the organization.

MADAM TAKAHASHI had told [redacted] that she and her husband had gone to Canada and while there, had received money from a Japanese by the name of [redacted] to aid in the financing of a Detroit unit. Upon their return from Canada, each member of the Detroit unit was given a picture of [redacted] that he had never seen [redacted]

[redacted] that at one of the meetings in Detroit, he had heard [redacted] talk and claim that the Negroes and the Japanese both came from Arabia, and for this reason, they were brothers and should get together and work as one. He stated he had also heard [redacted] say "the Negroes should not fight the Japanese as they are brothers."

It is thought that the [redacted] referred to is in all probability [redacted]

[redacted] inasmuch as he has told reporting agent that he came to Prince George from Detroit, and he is one of the most potent figures in the MSTA.

In an attempt to interview [redacted] BEY relative to the above allegations by [redacted] Special Agent [redacted] and the writer proceeded to the MSTA National Home on July 2, 1943. Upon arriving there it was observed that members had evidently begun to arrive for the 4th of July festival, as some 40 to 50 of the Sisters, all attired in white, were seen lined up and about the same number of Brothers, some in red fezzes and some in black, were gathered around. After a few minutes, a Brother giving the name of [redacted] EL approached agents. He informed that [redacted] BEY had gone to Petersburg to meet a train which was bringing members from other temples for the big celebration. He also volunteered the following information: The total membership of the MSTA is 80,000, of whom about 600 or 700 are expected for the festival. COL. C. C. KIRKMAN BEY, national leader, was expected to arrive on that day from Chicago. All who are coming must arrive by the 4th of July, and the celebration may last ten or twelve days. He said the main purpose of it was to have a big get-together, that they were going to kill quite a few lambs, hogs, etc. for the feast, and that they were not going to have any "meetings."

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b7c [REDACTED] EL stated that he was now staying at the National Home and would remain there until his death. He claimed that he ranked about [REDACTED] BEY and was the highest ranking man at the National Home, outside of one other who was only visiting there temporarily. He advised that those wearing the black fezzes were the leaders, and that "we have to give our lives if necessary for what we believe in."

He said that he himself was a wagon and harness maker, and that practically every kind of mechanic and craftsman was represented in the membership. This enabled them to do nearly all their own work, and coupled with the fact that they grow most of their own food, makes them largely self-sufficient. "We've got everything the Government's got except soldiers," he said.

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THE RICHMOND FIELD DIVISION

AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

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- * Will recontact [REDACTED] to obtain information regarding the activities of the MSTA #6.
 - * Will recontact [REDACTED] for information concerning MSTA #6.

AT PRINCE GEORGE, VIRGINIA

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Will interview [REDACTED] REY relative to allegations of [REDACTED] as set out in instant report.

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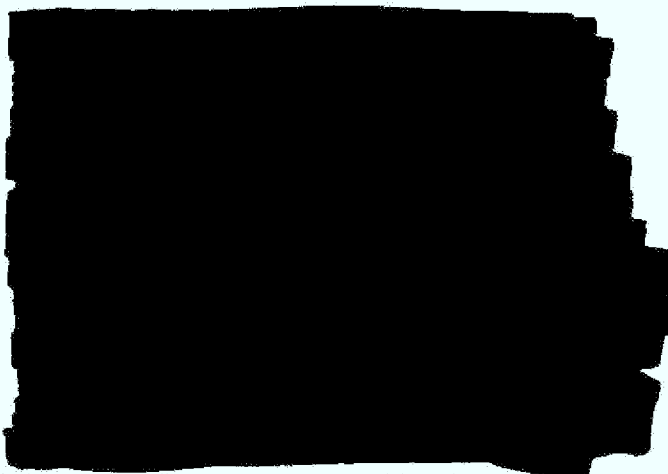
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Report Made At LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	Date 7-6-43	Period 5-19-43 6-4, 29-43	Report Made By [REDACTED]
Title MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC., et al			Character INTERNAL SECURITY - J SUBSIDIARY SELECTIVE SERVICE

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Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 4-14-43, at Little Rock, Arkansas.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special
Employee Agent [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Local Draft Board A,
Pine Bluff, Arkansas, advised that they had several negroes registered with
that Board who insisted that in addition to their names they be designated
by "Bey" or "E1", and supplied the following list of these individuals:

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[REDACTED] Bey [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bey [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] E1 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Bey [REDACTED]

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THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION

AT PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS

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STEN. MORRISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, ETAL, INTERNAL SECURITY, SEDITION AUTHORITY REQUESTED FOR PLACING A MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE ON ACTIVITY OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION AT ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY SIX FULTY STREET, BROOKLYN. MEETINGS ARE HELD REGULARLY EACH FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. INVESTIGATION REFLECTS OFFICERS AND LEADERS OF THIS GROUP ARE PRO JAPANESE.

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Transmit the following message to:
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ORGANIZATION AT ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY SIX FULTY STREET, BROOKLYN,
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Report Made By

Title
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MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC.; ET AL

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] New Haven
Branch inactive although [REDACTED] the
Grand Deputy Councillor of the Eastern District is a
member of this branch. Selective Service records in
New Haven checked concerning members and no registrants
found delinquent. Some members not found to be registered
in New Haven, but possibly registered elsewhere. History
of New Haven Branch set forth. Letters from [REDACTED] to
President ROOSEVELT set forth. Speech that [REDACTED] made
at Hartford Moorish Science Temple on January 10, 1943
set forth.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File No. 62-25889.

Bureau letter dated February 8, 1943.

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Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated February 11,
1943 at New Haven, Connecticut, entitled, [REDACTED]
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Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated March 19, 1943,

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AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

[REDACTED] on February 10, 1943 furnished the following information concerning the New Haven Branch of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE:

"RULES TO GOVERN THE LOCAL TEMPLE"

"In accordance with the Divine Laws transmitted to Our Holy Prophet, Noble Drew Ali, Founder of the Moorish Science Temple, the Divine and National Movement of North America, Incorporated.

"Each Temple is to be provided with these supplementary rules to be accepted and adopted, and be governed by Love, Peace, Truth, Freedom, and Justice, to be practiced by all and meted out to all.

Each Temple is headed by the Grand Sheik, Ass't. Grand Shiek or Sheikess, and assisted by Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. All of the officers are to be seated at the table, the Secretary recording the minutes. Important-Start all meetings on time.

Salaam Ilyeum. This Temple has been duly awarded with a charter of approval by the M.S.T. of the D.N.M. of N.A., Inc., approved and passed by National and State Governments.

R U L E S.

1. Act as an individual and as a body in a manner which will not reflect unfavorably upon humanity, of which you are an integral part.
2. Remember, as Moorish Americans, you are a proud people.
3. Moorish Americans practice Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom, and Justice.
4. Remember the key of civilization was and is in the hands of our ancient Asiatic nations, the founders of the Holy City of Mecca. This is your birthright. Treasure ye it!
5. All Moorish Americans will duly consider it his and her duty to guarantee the necessary expenses of their travelling officers. Remember, every good servant is worthy of his hire. Look ye to it. Keep up your dues.
6. All Moorish Americans will promptly accept their duties and teach their children in the Holy Koran, that they too shall be blessed.
7. Destroy naught that ye cannot reconstruct.
8. Do not engage in subversive activities under any form. Remember first that you are proud of your ancestry, therefore you are good Moorish Americans.
9. Do not ridicule the teaching of any religion. It is not our aim to destroy anyone's belief.
10. Do not discourage Asiatics who would join the Moorish Science Temple the Divine and National Movement of North American, Inc. Every man woman and child who wishes to learn his true identity should be encouraged by you.
11. Do not join if you are prompted by sheer curiosity or if you cannot or will not accept Love, Peace, Truth, Freedom and Justice.
12. Do not interrupt when speakers have the floor. You will be given full opportunity to express your every opinion.
13. Do not straggle in when the meeting is nearly over. Make it your business to be on time.
14. Do not neglect your membership, your dues, and your obligations to those officers who strive to serve you.

"These rules shall be so placed that they will not miss being seen by all of the members of this Temple No. . May the blessing of Allah thru his Holy Prophet Nobel Drew Ali be with you all. Amen.

Officially drawn up by the Grand Deputy Councillor of the Eastern Region.

Signed [REDACTED] Bey."

"TRANSCRIPT OF MESSAGE SENT TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT BY [REDACTED]

"We propose, as Moorish Americans, first the absolute respect due to Americans and America; to the Chief Executive; to the laws of America and to abide thereby.

Since, thru the Divine Knowledge of Man, know thyself, and the truth shall set thee free.

Therefore we Moorish-Americans, have sought, thru the pages of life, the origin of the so-called Negro, the birth of slavery. We have found that its origin began with the complete loss of identity.

Therefore, we are restoring to Humanity, its God given birthright. We are acknowledging our forefather's gift to civilization. We recognize the truth. We denounce the evil that enslaved us.

Now, Whereas the Constitution decrees that people be recognized only from the land of their fathers, "by their nation and religion", be it known that under the name "negro" those born out of slavery are not eligible for national recognition.

Therefore, we, as Moorish Americans, do resolve:

1. That the name "negro" be banned forever as a title of nationality and created international Humanity.
2. That "negro" in its best defined term indicates color (black) not a nationality. From whence cometh the terms "colored", "Nigger", etc. We know not its Godgiven land.
3. That we as Moorish Americans, will not submit ourselves to subversities to thwart our progressive rights.
4. That we, as Moorish-Americans, shall seek representation in all progressiveness pertinent to affairs of the people, be it, civil, national or international.
5. That compromise shall not be conducive to progress where actualities where actuality shall be concerned, indiscriminately.
6. Irrational acts of radicalism shall not be tolerated by loyal Moorish Americans. Any contrarities to America and its principles, any

attempts to overthrow our government, or otherwise cause the principles of Moorish Americans to be misconstrued, under the Divine Laws of the Moorish Science Temple, will be prosecuted.

7. And, finally be it unanimously resolved that Moorish Americans will not be subjugated to submissiveness in any form which tends to enslave or otherwise decrease the progressiveness of a people worthy of their birthright under their free Name-Moorish Americans.

Thus be it resolved:

[REDACTED] Bey
Grand Deputy Councillor
Eastern Region."

"ADDRESS GIVEN BY [REDACTED] BEY AT MEETING OF MOORISH
TEMPLE OF SCIENCE AT HARTFORD, CONN. ON JAN. 10, 1943

"Brother Moslem-Salaam Ilycuum, I give praise to Allah, the omnipotent Creator of the Universe; to Jesus, the Divine Savior of Humanity, the Eternal Prophet of Revelation; to Noble Drew Ali, the Divine Prophet and Founder of the Moorish Science Temple, the D.N.M. of N.A., Inc., to our National Flag of Origin and Principle.

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I honor those leaders who profess their oneness with Allah; our Grand International Councillor [REDACTED] El; Grand Gov. Brother [REDACTED] Bey; the Grand Sheiks and Sheikesses, and the Divine Ministers, Distinguished Guests, All.

I present myself to you on this honorable occasion to celebrate the birthday of a man destined to prophesy the advent of revelation of the truth; the true dignity, the rightful heritage of man. On this Moorish Christmas we assemble to reason with one another, as we have all learned either one thing or another in contrarities. We have been taught that we are negroes, to begin with. We have wondered why we have thus far progressed so slightly. Since the supposed emancipation, oppressions, deceptions, subjugations, have been our lot. Discriminations, intolerance, ostracisms have pursued us in all our attempts to gain equal rights. Why? Have we not given thought to our forefathers, suffered as they suffered? They were torn away from their God-given homeland, shackled to the oars of slave ships, sold into bondage, whipped, lashed, burned into a state of forgetfulness. Children born of this unhappy slave stock were mocked out of their forefathers religion, made to forget their one-time Divine right to Love, truth peace, freedom, and justice. They were branded with the name of a color, made to believe that they were originally nomads, pagans, people without a country.

"Should we not therefore, vindicate the bloodshed of our forefathers? Remember, they released the first civilization to our sugjugators. Should we not take back the free national name of origin, shed the name of "negro" "nigger" "colored" "darky" Etc. Indians, West-East or any other kind of Indian are known by the one free national name.

This should not seem hard to understand. Whatever our forefathers were, so also are we.

Have you ever wondered why cannot a "negro" become recognised? The explanation is very simple; because he has declared himself as a color. The undeclared Moorish American must look within himself - seek out whether or not he is a perfect "color-scale". For example, Black Negro, colored negro, brown, yellow, or even white negro. Have you ever seen a white black? I don't think you have! Negro which means black, therefore needs no adjective to describe it, as "colored" negro, for example, and other descriptions.

There is no anthropological student who will deny this fact: Those who know, however, hope that we will never question their theory. Those of you who doubt, check with any student of English, Latin, or Spanish. You will soon learn that you have been classified as a color that had no place in this world of othics, sociollogically used and psychologically balanced.

Man, know thyself! The truth will set you free! Yes, free from Jim-Crowisms, discriminations, and our most distasteful poll-tax.

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[REDACTED] Bey."

"Islam

Allah
Noble Drew-Ali
Founder of

Unity

THE MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE

The Divine and National Movement of North America, Inc.
A CONNECTICUT CORPORATION
New Haven Division

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[REDACTED] - El
Executive Councillor January 8, 1943
and Moderator
of the Eastern District
340 Hancock Street
Brooklyn, N. Y.

[REDACTED] Bey
Grand Deputy Councillor
of the Eastern District
740 Grand Avenue
New Haven, Conn.

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[redacted] Bey
National Chairman

Mr. Norman C. Watts, Dr.
Dixwell Community House
98 Dixwell Avenue

Dear Mr. Watts;

Am hoping you will afford me an interview at your earliest convenience, for the purpose of discussing the possibility of holding meetings in the Dixwell Community House. Members attending said meetings will naturally become "house members".

May I point out that this organization is not a "secret order", but is accredited in Washington and chartered by both State and National Governments, its' sole purpose is to awaken the so-called negro to his rightful heritage, In this I am sure the Dix. Co. House board of directors will co-operate.

Respectfully yours

[redacted] Bey
Grand Deputy Councillor

The records of the Local Draft Boards 8A, 8B, 9A, 9B, 10, 11A and 11B, 185 Church Street, New Haven, Conn., were thoroughly checked by the Chief Clerks of these local Draft Boards to ascertain whether male members of this organization are duly registered under the Selective Service and Training Act of 1940.

No records could be found at any of the listed boards concerning the following individuals:

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The records concerning those members found to be registered at the Local Draft Boards are as follows:

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1. [redacted] Duly registered while living at [redacted]

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b7c [REDACTED] He has [REDACTED] He was classified [REDACTED] on December 16, 1940 and reclassified 3B on February 23, 1943. He was born [REDACTED] He is presently employed at the W.P.A. Visual Aid State Board of Education at Zunder School, George Street, New Haven. He is described as follows:

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Race [REDACTED]
Height [REDACTED]
Weight [REDACTED]
Eyes [REDACTED]
Hair [REDACTED]
Social Security No. [REDACTED]

b7c He has received ten years of elementary school and eight years of finishing school. He claimed to have some knowledge of French, Italian, Spanish, and German languages. He claimed to have attended the Yale Art School for one and a half years. His average earnings are between \$20.00 and \$25.00 per week. He was married in New York City [REDACTED] and his wife's name is [REDACTED] They have two daughters, [REDACTED] He does not have any court record nor any military service. He is presently employed [REDACTED] as "Air bag repair man".

2. [REDACTED] is duly registered and has [REDACTED] Local Draft Board 8A. He was born at [REDACTED] His record indicates that the person who would always know his address would be [REDACTED] He is described as follows:

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Race [REDACTED]
Height [REDACTED]
Weight [REDACTED]
Eyes [REDACTED]
Hair [REDACTED]
Complexion [REDACTED]
Social Security No. [REDACTED]
Present Employer [REDACTED]

b7c His schooling consisted of five years of grammar school. Previous to his employment at [REDACTED] he was employed in New Haven at the [REDACTED] from 1939 to 1941 and at the [REDACTED] in 1938. He was married [REDACTED]

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He was classified 1A on June 16, 1942, but was rejected at the U. S. Army Induction center at Hartford, Conn., on [REDACTED] because of a "valvular heart disease nitral and aortic organic. He is now classified 4-F.

3. [REDACTED] duly registered
Local Board 8A and possesses [REDACTED] He is
classified 4-H. He was born [REDACTED] presently
employed [REDACTED] His description is as follows:

Race	Negro
Height	5' 6"
Eyes	Black
Hair	Black
Complexion	Black

4. [REDACTED] duly
registered Local Draft Board 10, [REDACTED] was born [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Residence with his wife [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He is described as follows:

Race	Negro
Height	5' 8 1/2"
Weight	154 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Brown
Present employer	[REDACTED]

He has filed only an occupational questionnaire since he is over the present military age.

5. [REDACTED] is duly
registered at Local Draft Board 98 and possesses [REDACTED] He was
[REDACTED] He is described as follows:

Race	Negro
Height	5' 4"
Weight	150 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Gray
Complexion	Light Brown
Present Employer	[REDACTED]

Person who would
always know address [REDACTED]

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b7c [redacted] of Local Draft Board 9A pointed out that it was entirely possible that the members of the New Haven Branch of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE who were not registered at any of the Local Draft Boards in New Haven, Conn., could be registered elsewhere.

The Bureau by a letter dated March 31, 1943 forwarded the following letter, dated February 24, 1943 from [redacted] Bey to the President of the United States, to this office which letter is as follows:

"ISLAM

ALLAH

UNITY

NOBLE DREW-ALI
Founder of

THE MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE
THE DIVINE AND NATIONAL MOVEMENT OF NORTH AMERICA, INC.
A CONNECTICUT CORPORATION
NEW HAVEN DIVISION

b7c [redacted] El

[redacted] Bey

[redacted] Bey

President Franklin D. Roosevelt
United States of America
Washington, D. C.

Commander in Chief

Dear Mr. President:

Greetings and Salutations, I'm taking this opportunity to write you again, regard "The Moorish Science Temple of North America Inc.", I wrote you on the ninth of January nineteen forty three in which I enclosed proposal and plan for national recognition of "The Brotherhood of Man", also asking an interview with you and staff. It so happened you were out of the country and I heard nothing from your office.

I have however received several visits from the "Justice Dept" representatives concerning our movement, I am pleased to say that this far it meets their approval although no public notice has yet been made. At this time I again ask an interview with you and cabinet to bring you a "proof picture" of who the so called negro really is, as this knowledge will acquaint all with the real meaning of the oft-repeated "Brotherhood of Man"-which at this time is not a practice due to absolute ignorance of man as to "my brothers' keeper".

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"A tentative date for conference with Le Wickard and our representatives by [REDACTED] El Grand Shiek for the 1, 2 and 3 of March, I would be pleased to be recieved by you for parley about the same time. A date for conference that may better suit your convenience will be acceptable and honored.

Let us take this all apart now, time is promised no man, and this is, the day of revelation! I am enclosing a photo of myself with fingerprints (taken by myself) for your approval and to be turned over to the Justice Dept. "F.B.I." I wish to be known only as a leader of American Principle, interested primarily in assisting my people in their endeavor for justice, and economic equality by teaching them their true identity.

Hoping to hear from you, so that I may know whether March 1, 2 and 3rd will be suitable and granted, I trust afford me this opportunity.

Yours for Victory

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[REDACTED] Bey

Grand Deputy Councillor"

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THE NEW HAVEN FIELD DIVISION

AT BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

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Will continue to contact [REDACTED] to ascertain the activities of this organization [REDACTED]

Will ascertain the Selective Service status concerning each male member of the Bridgeport Branch.

Will develop other sources of information to have more complete coverage of the activities of this organization.

AT HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

Will give close attention to the activities of the Hartford Branch of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE since this organization is most active in the State of Connecticut.

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Will keep in constant contact with [REDACTED] for information concerning the activities of this organization.

Will obtain a membership list of the organizations and ascertain the Selective Service Status of each male member of this organization.

AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

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Will consider the advisability of interviewing [REDACTED] which person is a Deputy Grand Councillor of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE for such information that he possesses concerning the history of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE in Connecticut and elsewhere.

In this connection it is noted in the letter dated February 24, 1943 from [REDACTED] to President Roosevelt that he has received several visits from "The Justice Department". No member of this office has interviewed [REDACTED] concerning this organization, and when interviewing [REDACTED] the interviewing agent should ascertain the names of the persons who have previously interviewed him concerning the New Haven Branch of MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE.

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THE NEW HAVEN FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT (Continued)

Will develop sources of information within the New Haven Branch of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE so that this office might be fully informed of the activities of that branch.

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Copies are being forwarded to the New York, Newark and Boston Field Divisions for information purposes since [REDACTED] El, the organizer from Brooklyn, N. Y. is attempting to form branches of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE in those field divisions.

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IDENTITY OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

b2, b7c [REDACTED] as mentioned in the report of
Special Agent [REDACTED] at New Haven, Connecticut, is as follows:

b7c [REDACTED] Headquarters First Service Command Security District #7,
Military Intelligence Office, 185 Church St., New Haven, Connecticut.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO**

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REPORT MADE AT SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE 7-13-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-29, 31; 6-12, 18, 25-3	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE COLONEL C. KIRKMAN HEY, with aliases, et al; MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J Custodial Detention; SEDITION; OVERTHROW OR DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Extensive inquiries fail to reveal MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA to be existent in St. Louis area. HEY listed as Evangelist minister and on pretext interviewed, admitted membership in Chicago M.S.T.A., denying such organization exists in St. Louis.

[REDACTED] listed as M.S.T.A. member.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File No. 62-25889

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated April 7, 1943 at St. Louis, Missouri.

DETAILS:

[REDACTED] professor of theology and philosophy, advised that he had never heard of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA being organized in St. Louis. [REDACTED] is a graduate of Yale and Tulane Universities and has made numerous studies of various religious beliefs and organizations in and around St. Louis.

AT SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI

[REDACTED] of the St. Louis Police Department Special Investigation Squad had no information in his files concerning the subject organization, and contact through [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] failed to reveal any knowledge of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA ever having existed in St. Louis. [REDACTED] suggested that [REDACTED] was a reliable individual and might

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be a member of the subject organization. [redacted] and his wife were interviewed at home and expressed a desire to cooperate in furnishing any information to the F.B.I. Both are members of the Church of Islam, which is a Moslem religious group and strictly non-political in nature. [redacted] is employed as a riveter at Curtiss-Wright Aircraft Corp. and neither he nor his wife ever heard of the M.S.T.A.

[redacted] on re-contact had been unable to find any information indicating that subject organization is existent in St. Louis, and stated that if such information should ever come to his attention he would immediately advise this office. [redacted] that if any information concerning subject organization's existence in St. Louis should come to his attention, he would immediately advise this office.

Inquiries at [redacted] which is listed in the 1942 St. Louis City Directory as the address of [redacted] BEY, failed to reveal this individual ever living there.

The files of Local Draft Board #17 reflect that [redacted] BEY, white, 26 years old, who resides at [redacted] was inducted into the Army on June 4, 1942.

[redacted] BEY, a dentist at [redacted] was contacted by the writer as a potential patient and Dr. BEY, who is white, advised that he is a graduate of St. Louis University, a Catholic of French descent, and that he has never heard of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA.

Under the pretext of being a genealogist from Chicago, Illinois, interested in the origin of the BEY family, the writer approached [redacted] BEY, [redacted] and in general conversation the following information was obtained from him. This individual is of negro-Moroccan descent and doesn't actually know where or when he was born. His father, who was supposed to have been of Moroccan descent, died when this individual was an infant, and he grew up in St. Louis, going to Chicago, Illinois in the late 1920s, where he became interested in the M.S.T.A. The then leader of the temple died in 1928 and for a while thereafter until about 1930 [redacted] BEY gave lectures in the temple. Since that time BEY has lived in St. Louis and from time to time has lectured at various gatherings of colored people. He works as an Evangelist minister in his own home to people who call on him and visits various colored people in St. Louis who are interested in his religious views. BEY expressed himself as being very much a patriot and believing that the present government is doing much for the educational and economic advancement of the colored race, and stated that he feels Mrs. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT is one of God's chosen. BEY stated that his religious beliefs are based on his early leanings in the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE and that he prays in the morning and at noon every day, facing to the east and bowing to Allah and to Jesus Christ. BEY indicated to the writer that he would be glad to pray for him, and intimated that for his prayers he

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expected some contribution. BEY stated that the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA had never established an organization in St. Louis to his knowledge and that he has grown away from the church and has never heard of COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BEY of Chicago.

b7c The files at Local Draft Board #19 reflected this individual registered as [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] giving his date and place of birth as [REDACTED] and his wife's name as [REDACTED]. He stated in his occupational questionnaire that he is employed as an Evangelist minister, that he has four years grammar school education, and is permanently physically disabled.

b7c The records of SL-519 did not reflect any branch of subject organization in St. Louis, but in a report dated February 26, 1943, it is reflected that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is a member of the subject organization and that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] known to be a member of subject organization [REDACTED]

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b7E [REDACTED]

The only information in the files of SL-520 is a general report of subject organization dated May 28, 1943, and in Appendix A of this report, listing present organization and leadership of subject organization, it is noted that there are no listed temples in the state of Missouri. Inasmuch as copies of this report are indicated as furnished to offices receiving copies of this report, the advisability of setting out full information contained in this reference report is being left up to the office of origin.

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Copies of this report are being furnished to the Detroit and Knoxville Field Divisions inasmuch as copies of reports from these Field Divisions have been received in St. Louis indicating that they are office of origin of instant case.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, 7, New York
July 7, 1943

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[REDACTED]
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Director, FBI

Re: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA
C. KIRKMAN BEY, was., et al
INTERNAL SECURITY - J
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Bureau file #62-25889

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 7, 1943 request-
ing to be advised as to what the B. B. Plan is mentioned in the re-
port prepared by [REDACTED]
transmitted in a letter to the Bureau dated May 31, 1943. The Bureau
also requested the extent of [REDACTED] connections with
the Moorish Science Temple.

Enclosed are photostatic copies of two articles appearing
in the "People's Voice", a negro weekly newspaper published in New
York City, which are self-explanatory and which disclose the B. B. Plan.
Copies of these clippings are also being furnished the Chicago office.

On January 4, 1943 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] directed a letter
to the New York Office in which he enclosed articles written by him
in the People's Voice newspaper concerning the Japanese plan in regard
to Negroes in America and people of other parts of the world.

The enclosed photostatic copies of articles published in the
People's Voice are identical to those furnished by [REDACTED] which
were subsequently returned to him.

The files of the New York office reflect that an individual
with the same name as [REDACTED] has many references in the 67 classifica-
tion, also that he is listed on the mailing list of the American Youth
Congress, a Communist Front organization.

Pursuant to a request from the New York Field Division in a
letter on January 22, 1943 [REDACTED] was interviewed



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at his Base in Sioux City, Iowa, on January 29, 1943 by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] informed that he had been a newspaper reporter in New York City, as well as having formerly been a free lance writer and a sort of adviser for groups in New York City who were protesting against non-hiring of Negro help in business establishments. [redacted] informed that he had started the newspaper "The People's Voice", but was only reporter and advertising salesman for this paper, which, at the time he was a reporter, was printed by editors of "P.M.", which, in turn, was owned by MARSHALL FIELD interests in Chicago, Illinois. Interviewing Agents state that it was apparent during the interview with [redacted] that he did not have recent information relative to any Japanese propaganda among Negro people in New York City and that he had written to the New York Field Division because he had allegedly observed a feeling of unrest among Negro soldiers and among Negro people prior to his induction into the army, which he claimed was the treatment given the Negroes by the white people.

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[redacted] that this feeling of unrest could create fertile ground for Japanese propaganda which would enable them to get converts among the colored people. [redacted] that during his work as a newspaper reporter he had come into contact with one SUFI ABDUL HAMID who formerly lived from "hand to mouth" practicing numerous quick cures, spiritualist movements, and who had been very active in organizing various racial movements in Chicago, Illinois and New York City. In about 1935, HAMID, whose real name is reported to be BROWN [redacted] allegedly made some connection with a Japanese organization which had supposedly furnished him with considerable money and induced him to establish the Buddhist Temple at 103 Morningside Avenue, New York City. According to [redacted] he has been in this Temple and has observed Japanese people in the office, as well as Japanese books, pictures, et cetera. The complete connections between the Buddhist Temple operated by HAMID and the Japanese people was never ascertained by [redacted] however, it was his understanding that the Japanese were using this means to develop friends and converts among the Negro race and to create hatred among the white people.

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[redacted] the Temple actually operated until the first of 1938 and on July 31, 1938 HAMID was killed in an airplane wreck on Long Island. At that time there was a white girl named [redacted] in the plane who subsequently recovered and who might be in a position to know the connection between HAMID and the Japanese, however [redacted] was unable to furnish the present whereabouts of this girl.

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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] that there were two Japanese individuals who had come to this Temple as having connection with HAMID—[REDACTED] who allegedly supplied Japanese movie films depicting industrial and commercial life in Japan, described as about forty years old, short and stocky, and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was transpired in 1935.

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At the conclusion of the interview [REDACTED] he was expecting to return to New York on furlough and if he were able to develop further information while there, he would furnish the same to the New York office. However, to date there has been no record of RICHARDSON furnishing any additional information.

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The above mentioned Japanese, [REDACTED] who was interned as a Japanese/alien at Ellis Island, reported in New York file [REDACTED] entitled [REDACTED] Internal Security -J, Alien Enemy Control." [REDACTED] was interviewed in connection with the investigation of [REDACTED] with aliases, Ethiopian Pacific Movement, Sedition, at which time he denied acquaintance with [REDACTED] or any connections or acquaintances among Negroes in Harlem.

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The identity of [REDACTED] is not known nor has the address of his private school been ascertained. In this connection it is pointed out that [REDACTED] with aliases, at the time of his arrest in connection with the investigation of the Pacific Movement of the Eastern World, reported to agents that there was a Japanese school located near Lower Harlem at which Japanese speakers appeared and spoke before audiences of the Ethiopian Pacific Movement, directed by [REDACTED] mentioned above.

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Attempts will be made to locate [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] mentioned [REDACTED] and they will be questioned for any further information they might furnish concerning the operation of the Japanese in connection with the B. B. Plan.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY
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cc: Chicago - Enclosure

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ship against the article in 1904.
It is understood that the fact con-
sidered with Abdul Krim who
ought the French and Spanish
armies was not the same as
the case filed at the said All-
ied Forces throughout Africa

Avellan, Fort Mifflin and other posts. Due to the conquest of the East Indies, this is expected; for the rear of the Japanese force must be protected, from a military point

of years. However, the writer doubts seriously that a despatch attempt will be made to take the complete island of Australia according to the plan that will

If the Plan is to be followed by the Regs, definite attention must be given to Cayman. It is reported that 300,000 dollars from General Antonio Baez, across the Bay, General Juan Gonzalez, the Mayor of the city, and other persons

is Buddhist and that Japan will
be a Buddhist and liberal
land. Again I repeat that the key
to the invasion of India is
Buddhism. The Japanese feel that

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Japs Started "BB Plan" in Harlem Long Before Jordan Was Arrested

The long-secret, Japanese-inspired "BB Plan" for Harlem was brought out into the open this week with the arrest by FBI men of Robert Jordan, one of Harlem's best known street corner orators and leader of the Ethiopian Pacific Movement, and Lester Holness, his chief lieutenant, allegedly for violating Alien Registration Act.

The FBI move, following on the heels of wild rumors of Axis spies operating in Harlem, has provoked widespread whispers, linking Jordan with Jap agents known to have operated in Harlem for several years.

Chief reason for the whispers:

Jordan is known to have spread "Nipponese" propaganda especially in his street corner speeches. In some quarters he was known as "Hudson Minko," and his close agents are said to have driven a number of sniping street speakers to introduce Jap propaganda in their talks to their audiences.

Whether authorities hope to connect Jordan with the "BB Plan" is not being divulged but details of the plan, allegedly launched through the late Sufi Abdul Hamid, have been unearthed, as follows: Jap agents, pretending they sought better relationship between Japan and the United States, decided American Negroes would be an important factor in such a program.

The BB Plan was based on religion, the sponsors feeling this was the best through which to gain control over the Negro. The essence of Father Divine they of fered as an illustration.

The BB Plan represents black followers of Buddhism, reached Buddhism in the religion of the world over, the key to racial success. Supporting arguments included the fact that Japan, the most powerful non-white country in the world, is a Buddhist, that millions of Buddhists were also in China, India, Africa and other countries with a resulting cooperation among them through the faith.

Under the BB Plan, American Negroes who became Buddhists would automatically win Japanese citizenship, would get chances to visit Japan, study sciences and professions, receive military and naval training.

The present war is now said to have been the event for which these agents were really preparing. The Japs' expectations of universal Buddhist cooperation, it is also pointed out, may not have been far

wrong. Thailand, which fell to the Nipponese without a struggle, is Buddhist, is now allied with Japan. Burma and parts of China and India, all either directly involved or on the brink of the Pacific war theatre, are Buddhist.

Some time before 1938, Jap agents are said to have propositioned Sufi on selling the "BB Plan" to American Negroes, supplied him with funds from which the \$4,000 down payment on a building in Morningstar avenue was bought as a Negro Temple. Sufi's texts also are said to have immediately adopted the BB Plan line.

But on July 31, 1938, while flying over Long Island in his newly-bought plane, Sufi crashed to his death. The tragedy is said to have cost the Nipponese spies thousands of dollars invested in Sufi to carry out the BB Plan. Apparently, it died with Sufi.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

510 Trust Company Building
New Haven, 10, Connecticut
July 16, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE
OF AMERICA, INC. Et al
INTERNAL SECURITY (J)
SELECTIVE SERVICE
SEDITION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter dated July 7, 1943
from the Boston Field Division to the New Haven Division
requesting that copies of the report of Special Agent
[redacted] dated 2/11/43 entitled [redacted]
[redacted] - MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE "
be furnished to that office for their information and
assistance in conducting investigation of the Moorish
Science Temple.

You are advised that two copies of the above-men-
tioned report have been forwarded by this office to the
Boston Field Division.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Simons

R. H. Simons
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Boston (enc)

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STEN. MOORICH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, ETAL, INTERNAL SECURITY J,
 SEDITION, SS. RE YOUR TEL JULY THIRTEEN LAST MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE
 INSTALLED AT ONE SEVEN NINE SIX FULTON STREET BROOKLYN AT SIX PM JULY
 SIXTEENTH AND DISCONNECTED NINE TEN PM SAME DATE. REGULAR MEETING NOT
 HELD BECAUSE OF POOR ATTENDANCE. MICROPHONE TO BE REINSTALLED FOR NEXT
 FRIDAY NIGHT MEETING.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FILE NO. **100-4460**

REPORT MADE AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 7/20/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/8, 13/43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC. CHAKIRMAN BEY, was SUPREME GRAND ADVISOR AND MODERATOR, et al			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION SELECTIVE SERVICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Battery E, 100th Coast Artillery AA, has been transferred from Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan and has been designated 538th AA Battalion and stationed at Camp Stewart near Savannah, Georgia.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** dated June 27, 1943 at Cleveland, Ohio. b7c

DETAILS:

AT SAULT SAINTE MARIE, MICHIGAN

Lieutenant Colonel CHARNER WEAVER POWELL, Assistant G-3, Sault Sainte Marie Military Area, advised that in May, 1943, the 100th Coast Artillery had been transferred from Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan to Camp Stewart near Savannah, Georgia. Lieutenant Colonel POWELL informed that Battery E, in which Private S. T. PATTERSON was stationed, had been made part of the 538th Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft Battalion at Camp Stewart, Georgia.

For the information of the Savannah Office which has not received previous copies of this report, the following information is set forth as contained in the reference report.

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[REDACTED]

FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">62-25889-174</div>	RECORDED INDEXED
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[REDACTED] that [REDACTED] and believes he is employed with the Cleveland Transit Company as a motorman. He previously had been employed at the American Wire and Steel Company at Harvard Avenue. He advised that [REDACTED] goes to church at 38th and Woodland Avenue every Sunday at about 1:00 P.M. and believes he is some type of a Moslem, but is not certain. He stated that he has had several conversations with [REDACTED] but has never noticed anything un-American about him. He informed that in regard to the draft, [REDACTED] stated that when his turn comes, he will go and never seemed to object to it particularly.

[REDACTED] was contacted in regard to [REDACTED] BEY, but could not give any information.

[REDACTED] of Local Board No. 9, 2319 East 55 Street, produced the records which reflected the following information: [REDACTED] residing at [REDACTED] registered and received [REDACTED] It is noted that the registration of [REDACTED] was on October 16, 1940, at which time he stated he was a citizen of the United States, born at [REDACTED] and was employed by the WPA, was married and his wife's name was [REDACTED] His registration card had the following description:

Age
Height
Weight
Eyes

[REDACTED]

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Hair	Black
Complexion	Light brown
Race	Negro
Selective	
Service Status	3-4

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It is noted that there was no alteration on the classification of [redacted] a Negro and further that the registration card was signed with the name of [redacted]

On January 28, 1941, a questionnaire was submitted by [redacted] under the name of [redacted] and was signed by him as [redacted]. This questionnaire reflected that he had six years elementary school and two years high school education; that he had a back injury; that he was married on August 26, 1926 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and his wife's name is [redacted] age 34, and he has one child, [redacted]. Subject in his questionnaire did not state he was a conscientious objector. He stated he was not a minister of religion and that his race was Negro. He was a citizen of the United States.

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Prior to June 13, 1942, [redacted] partially completed a conscientious form No. 47. This form bore the notation "To be returned on or before June 13, 1943." Under claim for exemption, [redacted] first signed his name as willing to participate in non-combatant service under the direction of military authorities; however, this signature was erased and he signed Part B which states that he is conscientiously opposed to participation in any service under the direction of military authorities. The signature there was [redacted]. Underneath appeared [redacted] BEY.

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The nature of his beliefs as the basis of his claim was listed as divine creed of Islam. He acquired these beliefs from Prophet Noble Ali, founder of the Moorish National and Divine Movement of North America. The person whom he relies upon for religious guidance was listed as Brother [redacted] BEY, 3843 Woodland Avenue, Cleveland.

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His education was listed as follows: [redacted] 1915-1916; [redacted] 1917-1919; [redacted] His employment was listed as laborer, [redacted] 1927-1929 and laborer, WPA, District #4, 1935-1940.

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He listed his parents as [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Tennessee, father, who is living. He stated he was a member of a religious organization known as MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC., home office 1104 Sedgwick Street, Chicago, Illinois and that he became a member of said organization in August, 1940. The location of the church, MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA No. 7, was 3843 Woodland Avenue, Cleveland, and the leader of the church was listed as [REDACTED] EY, 3843 Woodland Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

The creed and statements of the religion in relation to participation in war are Islamic creed and principles. It was noted that the registrant's affidavit was signed in pencil [REDACTED] EY, but was not fully executed by any officer administering the oath. It is noted that the balance of the form for conscientious objectors was written in ink. It is noted that in the occupational questionnaire of [REDACTED] the name was changed to [REDACTED] EY and the race was changed to Moorish American.

The writer and Special Agent [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED] EY at [REDACTED] under the pretext that they were desiring further information in order to establish his claim as a conscientious objector for his Local Board. At that time [REDACTED] EY advised that he was married and has one child, was born in Tennessee, and his former name was [REDACTED]

He stated that he did not become a citizen of the United States until he was nationalized in 1941 when he joined the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE. Now he is a Moorish American and not a Negro. He stated he did not know that Japan had attacked the United States although he knows that we are at war from reading the papers. He stated that he did not know why we are fighting and advised that Pearl Harbor was in Asia and he knew that Japan had attacked Pearl Harbor, but he did not know who started the war.

He informed that he filed his conscientious objector form because he is against war, but admitted that he would fight to defend his shirt if it were forcibly taken from him, but under no circumstances would he shoot a man. He stated his religion teaches him not to fight and that he got the facts about war from NOBLE DREW ALI, who has passed away, but in a haphazard manner can contact him through the ether waves. He stated that when NOBLE DREW ALI died, he appointed C. KIRKMAN EY to represent his people, just as any nation has a representative.

He advised that his wife is now a member as she joined one

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year ago. [REDACTED] BEY produced a book purported to contain extracts pertaining to the Holy Koran and an instruction manual similar to a catechism, but said that it was against his religion to allow these books to go out of his house or out of his sight. He referred the writer to [REDACTED] BEY and said that he could give more information.

[REDACTED] BEY stated that in the event he were to receive a notice to report for induction, he would advise C. KIRKMAN BEY, who would take the necessary action. He stated that he was instructed to contact C. KIRKMAN BEY and his Temple by NOBLE DREW ALI, who informed him of this through the ether waves.

He maintained that he was not a citizen of the United States until he was nationalized by joining the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE. He added that that act gave him his birth rights as before that he had no vote and he was just like other Moorish Americans who had never been nationalized. He stated he was not a Negro and objected to Negro in the Selective Service forms, saying that there is only one race and that is the human race.

He informed that he is now a Moorish American similar to the German Americans and the Irish Americans only that his people are the Moors. He advised that he was not colored as colored is either painted, dyed or varnished and he is not any of that.

He stated that there were 200 to 300 members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE No. 7 although only about sixty were active. He advised that the following persons were the leaders of the group:

[REDACTED] BEY, Grand Mufti, 3843 Woodland Avenue;
The late G. BURL BEY, Grand Sheikh, 2433 East 64
Street (Died about April 4, 1943)

[REDACTED] BEY

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[REDACTED] BEY

[REDACTED] BEY

[REDACTED] BEY

[REDACTED] BEY

[REDACTED] BEY produced his membership card indicating that he was a member from August, 1941 to July, 1942 and from August, 1942 to

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July, 1943.

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[REDACTED] BEY was again interviewed by the writer at the Cleveland Field Division. It was noted on this occasion that he was wearing a small metal button, blue in color, upon which was a crescent with a white dot and under it the word "Allah". At that time he stated that he became a member of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE in August, 1941 and although he had gone to the Temple three or four months before joining it, he admitted he was not a member when he registered for the Selective Service in October, 1940.

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He stated that he had seen NOBLE DREW ALI when he was in Cleveland in 1928 and advised that in January, 1941, he started going to the Temple regularly. [REDACTED] BEY advised that prior to association with the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE he had attended a Moorish Church in the vicinity of 75th and Woodland. However, he did not like that organization as they wanted him to use an ancient Moslem name. He stated that the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE was the religion he wanted. He advised that upon reading the Koran, he became fully "conscious". He advised that the Moorish Americans who are not members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE are not conscious and are mentally dead.

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He stated that if he received an induction notice, he would advise [REDACTED] BEY. He added that he had discussed with [REDACTED] BEY the filing of a conscientious objector form, at which time [REDACTED] BEY remarked that [REDACTED] BEY was a bright student to declare himself such and was "very conscious". He advised he secured the form and with the assistance of [REDACTED] BEY filled it out. He stated that [REDACTED] BEY told him who was the one whom [REDACTED] BEY relied on for religious guidance and where the home office of the organization was located. [REDACTED] BEY advised that the conscientious objector form was in error where it stated that he was a member since August, 1940 as he did not become a member until 1941.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] BEY advised that all of the books and literature upon which he depended for instruction were those which were presented to the writer at this interview, namely, a copy of the Holy Koran and the question and answer instruction book. [REDACTED] BEY stated that he was opposed to submitting in regard to the Army and described submitting as putting one in a position where one did not think for himself--in other words, that you would be ordered and told what to do. He said he was against the principles

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of fighting with a gun in any Army and as this was submitting, he was not in favor of submitting.

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It was noted that the Holy Koran of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, a copy of which was possessed by [REDACTED] BEY, was printed in 1927 and the instruction book was entitled, "Koran Questions for Moorish Americans", price 25¢, NOBLE DREW ALI, founder, MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, 1104 Sedgwick Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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It was noted that [REDACTED] BEY did not state that [REDACTED] BEY, leader of Temple #7, advised him to file a conscientious objector form and he was reluctant to admit what [REDACTED] BEY in any way counseled him in regard to his draft status, although he did state he had joined the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE after he had registered in October, 1940 under the Selective Service Act.

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THE SAVANNAH FIELD DIVISION

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At CAMP STEWART, GEORGIA, will contact officials in charge of
to determine if
BSY has communicated with
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In view of the fact that no further investigation is to be conducted in this field division, the file is being considered referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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To: Assistant Attorney General Wendell Borge

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: MODERN SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC.
C. KIRKMAN BRY, with aliases
SUPREME GRAND ADVISOR AND MODERATOR, et al
INTERNAL SECURITY - J
SEDITION; SELECTIVE SERVICE

Reference is made to the Bureau memorandum of April 6, 1943 transmitting an outline of the activities of the captioned organization together with a request that you consider prosecution of the leaders of each branch of this organization who have made statements which may be in violation of the Sedition Statutes or the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940.

There are being forwarded herewith copies of the following investigative reports which may be of assistance in reaching a decision as to whether or not prosecution will be instituted:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated June 29, 1943, at Cleveland, Ohio

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated June 30, 1943, at Kansas City.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated July 2, 1943, at Louisville, Kentucky b7c

Mr. Tolson _____
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Miss Gandy _____

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated July 6, 1943, at Little Rock, Arkansas

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated July 10, 1943, at Richmond, Virginia

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated July 13, 1943, at Saint Louis, Missouri

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated July 14, 1943, at New Haven, Connecticut

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LEVL. MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA ET AL, INTERNAL SECURITY
J, SEDITION SS, REGARDING TELETYPE OF JULY ONE SEVEN, NINETEEN FORTY
THREE MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE. ^{RECEIVED} NYM. NUMBER FIFTY SIX ^{YALP} INSTALLED JULY
TWENTY THREE, SIX PM. AT ONE SEVEN NINE SIX
FULTON STREET, BROOKLYN, NY, DISCONNECTED NINE THIRTY PM. SAME DATE.
COVERAGE OF REGULAR MEETING DID NOT REFLECT PRO JAPANESE STATEMENTS
TO BE MADE. ONE UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER MADE REFERENCES TO THE ASIATIC
PEOPLE, STATING IN EFFECT THAT THEY, THE MOORS WERE ALL THE SAME
PEOPLE, FURTHER THAT THE EUROPEAN OR WHITE PEOPLE DID NOT LIKE THE
SO CALLED NEGROES OR WANT THEM IN THEIR PLACES OF BUSINESS. AT THE
CONCLUSION OF THE SERVICES ALL MEMBERS WERE REQUESTED TO STAND AND
FACE EAST AT WHICH TIME THEY REPEATED STATEMENTS BELIEVED TO BE IN A
FOREIGN LANGUAGE. NO FURTHER COVERAGE WILL BE ATTEMPTED AND
CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO AN OPEN INVESTIGATION OF THESE GROUPS
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FILE NO. **100-5698**

REPORT MADE AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	DATE WHEN MADE 7-27-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-28, 7-16-43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC., ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION SELECTIVE SERVICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] **MARY SCOTT**

[REDACTED] **REPORTED TO BE LEADER.**

[REDACTED]

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File No. 62-25889.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated July 10, 1943 at Richmond, Virginia.

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DETAILS:

AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA:

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: H. L. Bost
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[REDACTED] advised Special Agent [REDACTED] of this office on April 14, 1943, that his office had received information that MARY CLIFF BEY, a young negress had recently been sent to the Richmond area to be the head potentate of the MORRISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC.

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RICHMOND FIELD DIVISION:

AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA:

Will follow the activities of the MOORISH SCIENCE
TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC., Chapter No. 6.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] mentioned in this report
is [REDACTED] Office of Naval Intelligence, Richmond, Virginia.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
July 23, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: Moorish Science Temple of America
C. Kirkman Bey, w.a.s., et al;
Internal Security (J)
Sedition

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 21,
1943, requesting that photographs be made of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bey was contacted in an effort
to secure these letters, and she advised that, when the
letters were returned to her by this office, she destroyed
them.

Very truly yours,

H. T. O'Connor

H. T. O'Connor
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

New York 7, New York

100-33712

July 30, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA,
INCORPORATED, et al;
INTERNAL SECURITY - J;
SEDITION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter to Boston, with copies to Chicago and New York, dated July 8, 1943, wherein attention was called to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 11, 1943 at Boston, Massachusetts, Page 4, setting out information to the effect that [redacted] EL informed that he was connected with the FBI.

The New York Office apparently did not receive a copy of this report. Since [redacted] EL resides in this area, and he is the subject of an investigation in connection with a Moorish Science Temple located at 1796 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York, the Boston Field Office is requested to furnish the New York office with a copy of the above-mentioned report or by other means avail the New York Office of any information of interest concerning [redacted] EL.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY
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To: SAC, New York

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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA
C. LIRKMAN BEY, was, et al;
INTERNAL SECURITY (J)
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Please refer to the Bureau letter of April 29, 1943, pointing out that [redacted]

It is requested that you advise what action has been taken in connection with the letter of reference.

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Date: August 6, 1943

To: SAC, New York

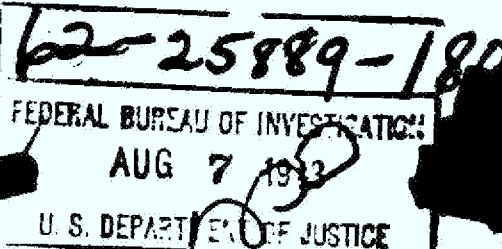
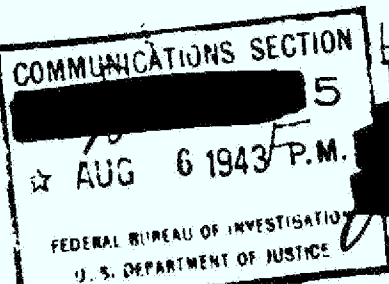
From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: THE MOORISH AMERICAN RELIGIOUS LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES
INTERNAL SECURITY (J)

b7c Reference is made to the Bureau letter of May 29, 1943, transmitting a copy of a letter addressed to the President on April 2, 1943, by [REDACTED] as Moorish-American Minister and Representative.

It is requested that a report be submitted outlining the results of your investigation of the Moorish-American Religious League of the United States.

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Date: August 6, 1943

To: SAC, Chicago

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA
C. KINER BAY, with aliases, et al
INTERNAL SECURITY (J)
SEDITION

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[REDACTED]

Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Hendon	
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Mr. Quinn	
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Matter. [REDACTED]

It is requested that you advise what action has been taken in this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case Originated At **CHICAGO**

File No. 100-4692

Report Made At KANSAS CITY	Date When Made 8/3/43	Period For Which Made 7/17/43; 7/18/43	Report Made By b7c
Title: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA C. KIRKMAN BEY, was, et al			Character of Case INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION SELECTIVE SERVICE

Synopsis of Facts: No indication of any present subversive activities on the part of the Moorish Science Temple of America organization at Atchison, Kansas.

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AGENCY 1-6-44
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REP'T FORW. 1-6-44

REFERENCE:

Bureau file #62-25889
Bureau letter to Chicago dated April 2, 1943
Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]**
Kansas City, dated 6/30/43.

DETAILS: AT ATCHISON, KANSAS:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Approved and Forwarded <i>[Signature]</i> Special Agent in Charge	62-25889-182
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b7c [REDACTED]

A check of the Selective Service Records at the Draft Board with reference to those persons having either "EL" or "BEY" as a suffix to their names, six were noted and one of the six had already been inducted into the army. [REDACTED] Draft Board member, stated that they had not had any trouble with any with reference to selective service. He mentioned the one that was inducted, he wanted to file conscientious objection papers but after being told that it would not do him any good he did not file and was inducted without any appeal. The others registered have families and are working in defense jobs in Atchison.

The pastor of the organization in Atchison according to his own Selective Service Questionnaire, D S S Form 40, is [REDACTED] BEY. He is a brother to [REDACTED] BEY, and he lives at [REDACTED]. The record reflects that he has been pastor since September 20, 1940, and that he was ordained by Bro. C. KIRKMAN BEY, Chicago, Illinois. His full name is said to be [REDACTED].

b7c [REDACTED] BEY, alias [REDACTED] is the husband of [REDACTED] BEY. His F.B.I. number is [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] lists for Temple #15, Indianapolis, Indiana. [REDACTED] BEY, Grand Sheikess [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] BEY as a Director. The two Indianapolis leaders are known leaders in Atchison, Kansas. [REDACTED] BEY is also known to be a niece of [REDACTED] BEY.

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KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

* At Kansas City, Kansas, will follow the activities of the members of Temple No. 46 and Branch Temple No. 47 and if deemed advisable will attempt to secure proper informant coverage of the meetings of these temples to disclose possible violations of the Sedition laws or the Selective Service and Training Act of 1940, as has been suggested in reference letter from the Bureau to the Chicago Field Office dated April 2, 1943.

At Atchison, Kansas, will follow the activities of the members of Temple No. 47 and if deemed advisable will attempt to secure proper informant coverage of the meetings of these temples to disclose possible violations of the Sedition laws or the Selective Service and Training Act of 1940, as has been suggested in reference letter from the Bureau to the Chicago Field Office dated April 2, 1943.

INFORMANT PAGE

 Topical Study Memorandum on
Moorish Science Temple of
America by United States Naval
Intelligence Service dated
May 28, 1943.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PITTSBURGH, PA.**

FILE NO. **100-5817**

REPORT MADE AT PITTSBURGH, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 8/10/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/26; 2/11-12, 23; 4/26; 6/9, 28, 30; 7/3, 8, 30; 8/4/43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <i>b7c</i>
TITLE REY with aliases:			CHARACTER OF CASE CUSTODIAL DETENTION SELECTIVE SERVICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject, American negro, Moslem faith, is leader of Moorish Science Temple of America organization in Pittsburgh, Pa.; employed [REDACTED] since 1925 as porter. Subject's organizational activities unknown other than several trips a year to confer with NOBLE DREW ALI REINCARNATED, national leader of Moorish Science Temple of America located at Chicago, Illinois, and weekly meetings held at his residence. Subject registered for Selective Service on April 27, 1942, [REDACTED] Employment records and Allegheny Housing records show subject born [REDACTED] Subject claims birthdate as unknown but was prior to 1900 and that birthdate of [REDACTED] was given to obtain employment. USA, Pgh., will prosecute subject in event true age is established. No criminal record, Pittsburgh.

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DETAILS: This investigation is predicated on information received from [REDACTED] BEY who on interview stated that the subject is the local leader of the Moorish Science Temple of America. He advised that Friday is the holy day of Moslems and that meetings are held in the home of the subject which is located at [REDACTED] BEY was questioned further but refused to give any other information regarding the activities of the Moorish Science Temple of America or the subject.

On April 26, 1943, [REDACTED] BEY was interviewed under pretext inasmuch as the writer was conducting a conscientious objector investigation regarding a colored person who stated he was a member of the Moorish Science Temple of America. [REDACTED] BEY advised that since 1929, when

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the local organization of the Moorish Science Temple of America spread largely because of the death of NOBLE DREW ALI, he has been the only authorized leader of the Moorish Science Temple of America in Pittsburgh, Pa. He stated that the Moorish Science Temple of America is presently under the leadership of NOBLE DREW ALI REINCARNATED whose headquarters are at 447 East 40th St., Chicago. He stated at the present time his organization has about 200 members and that they use his residence [REDACTED] as their meeting place. It is noted that [REDACTED] BEY was very emphatic that his organization was composed of persons who are loyal American citizens and that their organization is purely religious. He further advised that he visits NOBLE DREW ALI REINCARNATED in Chicago at least twice every year.

He further advised that the Moorish Science Temple of America had branch organizations in Philadelphia, Newark, Camden, New Jersey; Glassport, Pennsylvania; Baltimore, Maryland; Pine Bluff, Arkansas; and Richmond, Va. He was asked as to who were members of his organization in Pittsburgh but declined to give any information, stating that such information would have to be obtained from their home office at Chicago.

At Local Board #5, Herron Junior High School, Pittsburgh, Pa., the registration of [REDACTED] BEY was examined by the writer. This registration reflected he had registered on April 27, 1942.

Inasmuch as subject registered under the fourth registration, he has filled out only the occupational questionnaire. This occupational questionnaire reflected that he is of Moorish-American race; is married; and has four children under eighteen. It also reflected that he is employed as a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] made available the personnel records regarding subject. These records reflected that subject was born on [REDACTED] listing his father as [REDACTED] and his mother as [REDACTED]. The records further reflected that subject has been employed [REDACTED] as a Porter since 1925, originally being employed under the name of [REDACTED]. The first record reflecting the change of name from [REDACTED] BEY was on May 31, 1928. [REDACTED] that he questioned BEY about his change of name and was advised he had joined the Moorish Science Temple of America and was a Moorish-American.

[REDACTED] that subject works seven days a week, from 6 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Saturday, and two hours on Sunday morning. His earnings are between \$100-110 a month.

These records reflected that subject has lived at the following

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addresses in Pittsburgh; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The records also reflected that subject has made the following trips to Chicago on the following dates. It is noted that the exact date of these trips was not reported inasmuch as only the date the passport was applied for is recorded: August, 1929; September, 1929; July, 1933; August, 1934; July, 1935; July, 1936; July, 1937; March, 1939; May, 1940; June, 1940; July, 1940; March, 1941; June, 1941; July, 1941; February, 1942; June, 1942; July, 1943; January, 1943; July, 1943.

It is noted that subject has told [REDACTED] that the purpose of these trips is to attend meetings of the Moorish Science Temple of America at Chicago and this also substantiates subject's statement to the writer that he often travels to Chicago to have conferences with SOBLE DREW ALI REINCARNATED.

It is noted that subject has obtained passes to travel to New York City on the following dates: November, 1930; August, 1932; November, 1935; and February, 1943. [REDACTED] that subject has told him that these trips are made to visit brother who lives in New York City. It should be noted, however, that subject speaks of all fellow-Moslems as his brothers and sisters.

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[REDACTED] of the Allegheny Housing Authority, made available the records which reflected that on subject's application for housing facilities, his birthdate is stated as [REDACTED]. It is noted from a notation on this blank, this information was obtained from neither subject nor his wife. It was therefore evidently obtained from his sister, [REDACTED] who is the only other adult living in his family group. However, this certificate is signed by both the subject and his wife.

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This application further reflected that subject's family consists of the following persons: His wife, [REDACTED] sister, [REDACTED] nephew, [REDACTED] niece, [REDACTED] niece. [REDACTED] It was noted therein that his sister married one [REDACTED] but is presently separated. It is also noted that in subsequent interview with subject which is set out below, he advised [REDACTED] is not of blood relationship to him but is merely a sister in the sense that she is a fellow Moslem.

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[REDACTED] advised that although he was acquainted with the neighbors of subject, none of them knew anything regarding the activities of the subject as pertaining to the Moorish Science Temple of America.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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The facts in instant case were presented to Assistant U. S. Attorney, GEORGE WASHANK, who advised that he would authorize prosecution against the subject for making the false statement in his Selective Service registration in the event his true age was established.

On August 4, 1943, it was determined from [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] that on July 12, 1943, subject had broken his left leg in an automobile accident and that he was presently at his home incapacitated as a result of this accident.

On the same date, subject was interviewed by the writer in the presence of his wife [REDACTED] and his sister [REDACTED]. It is noted that at the time of interview, subject was sitting in an easy chair with his broken leg propped up on another chair. Subject was questioned regarding the inconsistencies in his statements as to his age at his place of employment and his Selective Service Board. The subject stated that he did not know how old he was but he was sure that he had been born before 1900. He stated he had given the birthdate of [REDACTED] at the time he was employed in 1925 inasmuch as he was afraid if he told them his true age he would not have obtained a job. Subject stated that the only reason he believed he was born before 1900 was because 1900 was just a short while ago. Subject advised that his parents had died when he was very young and that he never did know how old he was. He stated that he did not register during the last War out of ignorance. He stated prior to being employed by the [REDACTED] he worked for himself as a junk peddler and that this had been his occupation since he was a young boy until the time he had obtained employment with the [REDACTED].

The subject on this occasion advised that he had married [REDACTED]

who was born [REDACTED] It is noted this date varies with the date of [REDACTED] BRY'S birth as contained in the records of the Allegheny Housing Authority. They were married in New Castle, Pa., during the year 1925. It is noted that he could not remember any other particulars either as to the month in which they were married or as to the person by whom they were married.

The following description of subject was obtained through personal observation and interrogation:

Name	[REDACTED] BRY with aliases, [REDACTED] It is noted one [REDACTED] BRY of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Indianapolis, Ind. who attended meeting of the Moorish Science Temple in Pittsburgh in about 1940, advised that he knew the leader of the Moorish Science Temple of America who resides in the [REDACTED] to be [REDACTED]
Race	Negro
Citizenship	U. S.
Height	5'3"
Weight	145
Eyes	Dark brown
Hair	Black, graying
Complexion	Dark brown
Peculiarities	Wears full beard which is black in color and graying
Occupation	Porter [REDACTED]
Marital status	Married; no children
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Sel. Service Data	Registered LB #5, Pgh., 4th registratio never delinquent.

Records at the Bertillon Division of the Pittsburgh Police Department and at the Allegheny County Detective Bureau were checked with negative results.

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THE BALTIMORE FIELD DIVISION

AT WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

b7c Will check birth records for birthdate of subject. It is noted his parents are stated to be [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. If subject's record is located, will obtain the name of the person competent to testify to the same.

THE PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW CASTLE, PA.

b7c Will check marriage records for the marriage of subject to [REDACTED] in 1925. Will obtain the age of subject and the name of the person competent to testify to such record.

AT PITTSBURGH, PA.

Will determine the nature of subject's organizational activities.

Will determine from personal acquaintances, available records, such as driver's license, insurance policies, previous employment, etc, the true age of the subject.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

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[REDACTED] is Agent [REDACTED] CIG, MIO,
Pittsburgh.

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REPLY TO
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
AND REFER TO
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 13, 1943

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc.
C. Kirkman Bey, w/a, Supreme Grand
Adviser and Moderator, et al, INTERNAL
SECURITY (J), SEDITION, SELECTIVE SERVICE

Reference is made to your memorandum of August 7, 1943,
relating to the above named subject.

We do not believe that there is sufficient evidence
available at this time to warrant prosecution of Shelby Kl and
Stricklin Kl under Section 311, Title 50. It appears from the
reports relating to these two subjects that they are using
exemption from military service under the Selective Service Act
as an inducement to membership in the Moorish Science Temple
of America, but there is little evidence of any actual counseling
evasion. It is noted that the subject Shelby Kl is an aged
tubercular and that both Shelby and Stricklin are registered and
not presently delinquent with their local draft boards.

It is further noted that indictments have been returned
against both Shelby and Stricklin in Mississippi for violation of
State sedition statutes.

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Inasmuch as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are presently serving
prison terms for violation of State sedition statutes, the Depart-
ment does not feel that it is advisable to press Federal charges
at this time.

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Respectfully,

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Wendell Herrick

WENDELL HERRICK, AUG 14 1943
Assistant Attorney General



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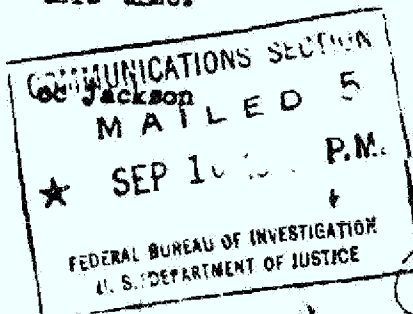
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C. KIRKMAN KEY, was, et al
INTERNAL SECURITY - J; SEDITION;
SELECTIVE SERVICE.

Please refer to your letter of June 14, 1943, captioned "Jesse Shelby El, Albert Stricklin El, Moorish Temple of Science Number 1, Internal Security, J, Sedition", which points out that the captioned persons were indicted by a State Grand Jury in Mississippi together with Rubin Payne and Jim Barnes for violation of the State Sedition Laws. Your letter suggested that the facts be submitted to the Department for an opinion as to the Federal prosecution of Shelby and Stricklin who departed from Mississippi and avoided apprehension by the State authorities.

The Criminal Division of the Department advised by memorandum dated August 13, 1943, that there is insufficient evidence available at this time to warrant prosecution of Shelby El and Stricklin El under Section 311, Title 50. The Criminal Division pointed out that it appears that these men are using exemption from military service under the Selective Service Act as an inducement to membership in the Moorish Science Temple of America but that there is little evidence of any actual counseling of evasion.

It was also stated that, inasmuch as [redacted] and [redacted] are presently serving prison terms for violation of State Sedition Statutes, the Department does not feel it is advisable to press Federal charges at this time.

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ORIGIN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

IF FILE NO. 100-1513

MADE AT <u>LITTLE ROCK, ARK</u>	DATE <u>8-18-43</u>	PERIOD <u>7-23; 8-5, 10-43</u>	MADE BY <u>[REDACTED]</u>
TITLE <u>MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC., ET AL</u>			CHARACTER OF CASE <u>INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION SELECTIVE SERVICE</u>

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

AGENCY CHICAGO

REPORT FOR RECORD

BY [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE: Bureau file no. 62-25889

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, July 6, 1943.

DETAILS: AT PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS:

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On August 5, 1943, the records of Local Draft Board
"A" and Local Draft Board "B", Pine Bluff, Arkansas were checked by
chief clerk [REDACTED] who advised that there was no record of
a [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] at either board. He produced the files on
a registrant by the name of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and a check of the file revealed that this registrant
is presently in the armed forces of the United States and has not been
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THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Will ascertain through [REDACTED] and other
Source of Information available the nature of the meeting recently held
in Chicago which involved delegates from all of the United States.

THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION

AT PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS:

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